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SUBJECT: IRAN APPEARS TO REJECT DOWNGRADED VISIT TO LATVIA

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Classified By: Charge d'affaires a.i., Stuart M. Seldowitz.
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(C) Latvian MFA U/S for bilateral issues Edgars Skuja told us October 18 that Latvia responded to the Iranian request for a visit by Deputy FM Jalili (reftel) by saying that was too senior. The Latvians proposed instead a visit at the office director level. The Latvians have had no response back from the Iranian Embassy in Stockholm and Skuja does not expect one. He feels that the Iranians were seeing if they could get a high level visit and, being rejected, they will simply bide their time and try again later. The Latvians do not plan to follow up. Skuja expressed appreciation for the Embassy's assistance in providing Washington thinking on such a visit and that U.S. concerns were an important element in rejecting the original Iranian offer.
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